

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**  
**EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED**  
Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 10196.0014-00000

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	)	
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H. Wada et al.	)	Group Art Unit: 1634
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Application No.: 10/821,657	)	Examiner: Katherine D. SALMON
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Filed: April 8, 2004	)	Confirmation No.: 8775
	)	
For: REDUCTION OF MIGRATION SHIFT	)	
ASSAY INTERFERENCE	)	

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Commissioner for Patents  
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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL**

In reply to the Final Office Action mailed October 14, 2009, the period for response having been extended to March 14, 2010, by a request for extension of two months and fee payment filed concurrently herewith, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, Applicants propose that this application be amended as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** follow the amendment sections of this paper.

**Attachments** to this amendment include the Sigma-Aldrich web site catalog entries for methyl 2-hydroxyethyl cellulose and sodium carboxymethyl cellulose, and the Aldrich Biocompatible/Biodegradable Materials catalog section, page 27.